

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, and 16 are currently amended.

Claims 13 and 14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims 17 and 18 are added.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to clarify claim language.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims and specification, as originally filed.

Support for claim 17 is found in original claim 1, and support for claim 18 is found in original claim 7.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-12 and 15-18 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

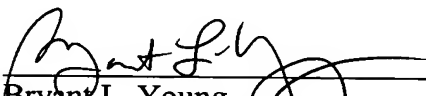
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